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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

M. ALIZON et al.

Application No.: 09/988,213

Filed: November 19, 2001

For: Nucleic Acids Containing the  
Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
Type 2 (HIV-2) Pol Gene And A  
Method for Producing a  
Polypeptide Encoded By The  
Nucleic Acids  
(Amended Title)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please delete the current title:

"Cloned DNA Sequences Related To The Entire Genomic  
RNA Of Human Immunodeficiency Virus II (HIV-2),  
Polypeptides Encoded By These DNA Sequences And Use  
Of These DNA Clones And Polypeptides In Diagnostic Kits"

and insert therefore the new title

--Nucleic Acids Containing the Human Immunodeficiency  
Virus Type 2 (HIV-2) Pol Gene And A Method for Producing  
a Polypeptide Encoded By The Nucleic Acids--.

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